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FREE GAS NO LONGER.

Ultimatum of the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia.

THE COMPANY CAN'T AFFORD IT.

The Joint Committee Appointed by Council Talks With Representatives of the Natural Gas Company--The Company's Claims.

The natural gas company has delivered its ultimatum: No gas for the city water works, crematory, gas works and city buildings, and gas for the engine and school houses for this winter only.

When the joint session of the water and gas boards and the committee on health convened last night, there was at first no quorum present, but as Mr. Heard, general manager, and Mr. Buchanan, of the board of directors of the company, had come down from Pittsburgh, it was thought better to commence the discussion of the subject referred to the joint committee, and trust to luck for a quorum to accumulate later. In addition to the members of the company already mentioned, the company's counsel, Messrs. Alfred and George B. Caldwell and W. H. Hearn, were present.

AN EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE

might be obtained to furnish natural gas to Wheeling.

The company came to Wheeling, expecting to get an exclusive franchise, but did not get what it had been led to expect from promises made by the city of Wheeling. For after having granted an exclusive franchise, the city of Wheeling gave the Manufacturers' Company the privilege of bringing gas to the city. Even though the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia thought it was unadvisable to invest money in a community which had thus acted in bad faith, it nevertheless built the line and delivered gas to the city, amid much rejoicing. In the years 1886 and 1887 the company drilled eleven wells, of which only one is still producing gas; in 1888 five wells, three of which are still in use, were drilled; in 1889 the product of the same number was turned into the company's mains; in 1890 six were drilled and in 1891 seven. Twelve of these wells were abandoned, leaving twenty-two still delivering an uncertain quantity of gas. Twelve dry holes having been drilled, made a total of forty-six wells, at an average expense of \$5,000 each. In pipe lines from the wells, additional to those first contemplated, over \$175,000 had been invested.

Owing to the company not getting an exclusive franchise in Wheeling, it never attempted to place stock, and one of the stockholders absolutely refused to invest his money, and his stock was distributed among the other stockholders. All the money the company has made was made by a fortunate investment in oil territory, and not from the sale of gas. "But the city has received from the company," Mr. Buchanan continued, "upwards of \$150,000, being the value of natural gas."

GIVEN FREE TO THE CITY.

The city, Mr. Buchanan claimed, was not able to go into court in the matter, as she was on record as having claimed that the contract with the company was not a valid contract.

As a statement of fact, and not as a threat, Mr. Buchanan stated that his company was prepared to abandon furnishing gas to Wheeling.

At the time the line was building, Mr. Buchanan went on, the company had asked its contractor and paid him money to discharge his Italian laborers and to employ citizens of Wheeling in their place.

Mr. Pollock asked what percentage of gas the city was getting. Mr. Heard answered that in dollars and cents the city had been getting 20 per cent of the company's gross receipts. Mr. Heard mentioned any number of establishments which had formerly gotten gas from the company, and which were now cut off. It was impossible, he continued, to keep on the domestic supply. The question was asked as to the present pressure of gas. Mr. Heard answered that the pressure from the twenty-two wells now in use was 125 pounds, while it was formerly 450 pounds. In Elm Grove, he said, it was now thirty pounds, whereas it used to be 120 to 130 pounds.

Mr. Pollock asked if the waste by the burning of gas in the lamps day and night at Fulton and Triadelphia could not be avoided. Mr. Heard answered that it was impossible to stop it, though the company was doing its best to do so. In answer to a question Mr. Heard stated that the amount of gas the water works consumed

WOULD SUPPLY THE ISLAND.

In regard to the charge of bad faith, brought against the city, Mr. Hall, of the water board, denied it, and said that the ordinance specified particularly that the manufacturers of the city should have the privilege of piping gas to their own factories. Mr. Hearn claimed the Wheeling Natural Gas Company, a competitor of the West Virginia Company, owned the stock of the Manufacturers' Company, and that therefore the franchise granted the

West Virginia Company was not exclusive.

Mr. Heard claimed that the company was physically unable to furnish gas to the city works and buildings, and also to the domestic consumers, and that it found it financially impossible to furnish gas free, even if it had it. It must get money somewhere, and it was making none out of its plant in Wheeling. He said that the company would continue to furnish gas free to the public school houses and engine and hose houses during the present winter.

In regard to the statements made by Mr. Buchanan and himself, Mr. Heard offered to permit the committee to examine the books of the company, and to show any representative of the committee over the gas field. In view of this statement it was decided to have a sub-committee of five appointed, which sub-committee will hire an expert accountant to go over the books of the company.

Dr. Campbell asked that Mr. Heard put his proposition in writing. After a conference with his counsel Mr. Heard submitted a paper, in which he stated that his company could

NOT FURNISH FREE GAS

to the city water works, gas works, crematory and city building any longer, and that it would continue to supply gas, for this winter, to the public school and engine houses of the city. Chairman Pollock decided to take his time in appointing the sub-committee, as all the members of the joint committee were not present.

Mr. Buchanan was asked how the sub-committee's investigations could affect the company's decision, and if any compromise were possible. He replied that he was not sailing under false colors, and that the city might as well face the problem at once. The company would not furnish free gas any longer (except as stated in the written proposition submitted by Mr. Heard), and that, rather than do so, it would prefer to abandon the Wheeling market altogether and sell its gas somewhere else. This he stated as the company's ultimatum.

Park Association Officials.

The newly elected Board of directors of the Wheeling Park Association met at the office of the Wheeling & Elm Grove railroad company last evening to complete the organization. Mr. A. Reymann was elected president again, Conrad Hirsch secretary and treasurer, August Rolf general manager and Ernest Kieger superintendent of the park. The standing committees were also appointed for the ensuing year. Col. F. Klester is chairman of the committee on the press. The new lake at the park is a decided success, being now a fine sheet of water almost up to the old deer park fence. If there should come any real old-fashioned winter that would make a fine skating place.

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Masquerade Suits.

John Heilmeier, proprietor of the Pan-Handle Dyeing, Scouring and Repairing Works, at 1431 Marketstreet, has received a new lot of handsome Masquerade Suits, which he will rent at low prices. Suits for the Kirmess can also be engaged. Cloths and drapings and all articles of that nature cleaned on short notice.

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Writing Desks and Tablets in wood and leather for \$1 to \$10 at STANTON & DAVENPORT'S.

STIFEL & CO.'S ad on 5th page, special this morning.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Half a Score of Couples will Give themselves away--The License for it.

Clerk Hook was kept busy yesterday with the applicants for marriage licenses. Two or three couples failed to get the license they wanted, being too young, non-residents and under age, or for some other technical reason. Those which were issued licensed the following parties to be spliced:

Edward Kratz, aged 20, and Lena Zimmermann, aged 20, both of Wheeling.

George B. Baird, aged 20, and Sarah E. Wilson, aged 19, both of Wheeling.

William H. Perry, aged 26, a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, and Martha M. Hinds, aged 16, a native of Washington county, Ohio, both now residents of Flushing, Ohio.

Charles W. Rice, aged 25, and Minnie C. West, aged 21, both of Ohio county.

Harry Downs, aged 25, of Wheeling, and Laura Friend, aged 20, of New Martinsville.

George Hamilton, aged 22, a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, and Ella Byers, aged 18, a native of Allegheny county, Pa., both now residents of Hancock county, W. Va.

William Henderson, a divorcee, aged 35, and Mollie Payne, aged 23, both of Wheeling.

George Loos, aged 26, and Susan Wilson, both natives of Ohio, and residents of Hancock county, W. Va.

STUART ROBSON'S HOUSE

And Some of the Curious Things He Has Gathered in It.

Stuart Robson's house at Cohasset, Mass., is an unpretentious but picturesque structure, almost entirely hidden from the main road by trees, rocks and shrubbery. His inclinations run to grass. He has thirteen different lawn mowers. Every new patent of this character finds in him a ready purchaser. Any bright day except Sunday he may be found at the tail end of a lawn mower. Eleven brown boys are in his employ, and to see each little urchin in command of a lawn mower, following the master in single file and in solemn procession, is well worth coming miles to see. Robson's library is filled with rare old books, pictures, worm-eaten letters and odd trinkets which possess much interest to stage students. A few of these may be enumerated:

The rapier with which Quin, the aged actor, accidentally killed Bowan, the comedian, in 1719.

A letter from Macready to Elliston, reproving him for his lack of respect to his friend Lord Brunton, in which he says: "I love a lord and hate a player."

A prompt copy of "Merry Wives of Windsor," date 1625--possibly the very book from which Shakespeare may have instructed his Globe Theatre actors in "the business" of the play.

A letter from President Buchanan to John E. Owens, in which he says: "I saw Edmund Kean frequently. To my mind he did not compare favorably with Cooper; but as I was quite a young man at the time, my judgment may have been at fault."

A letter from John Calvin--Bob Ingersoll's friend--on the wickedness of stage plays. "Hell is neither deep nor hot enough for players," he says, "and the man who would enter a playhouse will be burned in fires everlasting."

The Wilbur Company in "Nanon."

A good audience greeted the Wilbur Opera Company at the Grand last night, when "Nanon" was the opera. It was better rendered than any of the preceding ones. Mr. Conley, Miss Kirwin, Miss Morton and all the principals were well suited in their parts and the singing and acting were unusually pleasing. In the afternoon "Fra Diavolo" was well received. The costumeing of the company excites new admiration at each new performance. Few more pretentious companies have such a large and magnificent wardrobe. The chorus girls who execute the grand march are the best drilled ever seen here. Twenty-four of them, besides the captain, execute intricate and beautiful movements with great nicety. This evening "The Grand Duchess" will be presented.

"A Royal Pass" Coming.

"A Royal Pass," George C. Staley's successful production, is the only play which includes the two most popular elements of entertainment demanded by the theatre-goer of the present generation. Mr. Staley is known everywhere as a German dialect comedian, yet in his production he does not try to force upon the public a one part play. The characters are all interpreted by players of merit. The scenic and sensational features are of the realistic class--a locomotive race--two large and regular working engines which cross the stage under a full head of steam. The press and public everywhere pronounce this scene superior to all other railroad scenes. It will be seen at the Opera House next Tuesday evening.

Lizzie Evans To-Morrow.

Of the drama "Miss Prue," in which Lizzie Evans is to appear at the Opera House Christmas afternoon and evening, the Hartford, Conn. Post says: "The story is of Connecticut home life in the country, and is rather of the 'Hazel Kirke' order. The curtain rises on a very effective scene in a country smithy. There are the forge and the great bellows and the furnace-glowed blacksmith, and the barnyard grows quite naturally with each stroke of the handle. This is Silas Selton's smithy, and his granddaughter, Prue, a wild flower of the New England hills, runs rampant over the place."

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs and colds quicker than any other remedy, because it combines the lung-healing quality of the pine trees with other valuable medicines. Sold by all dealers on a guarantee of satisfaction.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

THE HOLIDAY TRAFFIC

Of the Express Companies and the Postoffice This Year

PROVES QUITE AS HEAVY AS USUAL.

Everybody Who Has Anything to Do With the Transportation of Goods is Overworked These Days, and Will Be Glad When the Holiday Season is Over.

As usual the force at the postoffice and the employees of the express offices are finding life a burden, and if there is anybody who has a just reason for despising the existence of holidays it is these people, to whom their annual recurrence brings an increase of work. For several days the postoffice has been run on extra time to accommodate the present, mailing public, which, to judge by the crowds at the windows every afternoon, or for that matter all day and every day, includes everybody; and yet all the force from the postmaster down to the special delivery messenger is rushed with work, and scarcely has time to breathe.

The mails have been unusually full of parcels. For a few years past there has been more or less sending of Christmas cards, which largely took the place of presents, but the cards became so elaborate and costly that it was economy to send something that had other recommendations than its ornamental character, and cards ceased to be the proper thing. The result is heavier mails. The large amount of Christmas mail matter certainly indicates a prosperous state of the community. Everybody seems to have money to buy presents with, and to have friends at a distance to send them to. For a small package the mails are the cheapest, most reliable and prompt method of shipment, and the public is much given to patronizing them.

The force in all the express offices has been kept busy till late hour every night this week, and it gets worse as Christmas draws nearer. The number of individual packages sent out has been larger than usual, besides which the business for the merchants who have found it necessary to order goods for an emergency and have them shipped by express so as to be here in time, has materially increased the work of the express people.

The bad weather yesterday was a bitter disappointment to many people who had delayed their shopping in hopes of something like decent shopping weather. Many ladies made the rounds in carriages yesterday, and others concluded to wait till to-day.

The special quality of Ayer's Hair Vigor is that it restores the natural growth, color and texture of the hair. It vitalizes the roots and follicles, removes dandruff, and heals itching humors in the scalp. In this respect it surpasses all similar preparations.

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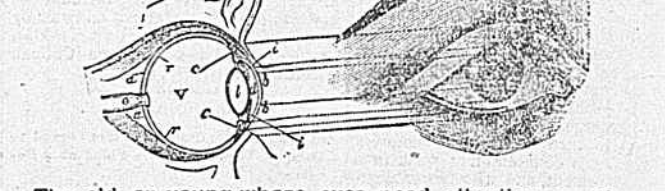
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